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## Gov't panel recommends El Al fly on Shabbat

By DAVID HARRIS

El Al should fly on Shabbat once the company is privatized early next year, the government-appointed committee that is researching selling the national carrier recommended.

The report is to be published Sunday, but yesterday committee chairman and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's economics adviser Moshe Leon confirmed some of the proposals.

In response to the halachically

compromising blueprint prepared with the full cooperation of the NRP-led Transport Ministry, Deputy Construction and Housing Minister Meir Porush (United Torah Judaism) last night described the proposal as terrifying.

Other politicians from religious parties also condemned the proposals, with several secular MKs saying they too will oppose the plan for a variety of reasons.

The key proposals include:

- A public flotation in Tel Aviv of 100 percent of El Al shares.

• Flights on Shabbat, as long as Ben-Gurion Airport's total Shabbat traffic does not exceed its current level.

• Guaranteeing full compensation for workers who are laid off.

• Continued government involvement in El Al security.

The second of these proposals already has been roundly condemned by politicians across the political spectrum, with several members of the Knesset Finance committee saying they will not support the plan.

The political implications of flying on Shabbat are enormous, with the religious parties likely to threaten to pull-out of the government as a result.

Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy (NRP) last night told *The Jerusalem Post* he has yet to receive a copy of the report, but a senior NRP official familiar with the committee's work said yesterday, "Politically, I am very scared by this."

Levy has repeatedly said he will not approve any proposals that include Shabbat flights. However,

Knesset Finance committee chairman Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism) said he would not comment for the time being, but he had received an assurance from Levy that the proposals would mean no increase in Shabbat transportation.

"Any attempt to fly on Shabbat will be vigorously opposed by all the religious parties," said MK Yitzhak Cohen (Shas).

With the cabinet committee on privatization likely to discuss the proposals in the coming weeks, Levy

said he is convinced the Shabbat flights will not be approved.

"The government will not change the status quo," said Levy. "I have no guarantees, but the government will not change a fundamental principle."

Despite that confidence, Leon, a confidante of Netanyahu, along with Government Companies Authority director-general Tzipi Livni and Transport Ministry director-general Nahoum Langental have realized the economic need for the company to fly every day.

There are several religious investors prepared to purchase the company without Shabbat flights, insisted Levy.

However, favoring a public flotation, Leon said, "If there are religious investors, let them buy control via the stock exchange."

The compromise proposal of limited Shabbat activity was described as "a Bar-Ilan style solution" by MK Eli Goldschmidt (Labor).

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## Levy: PM made new proposals at summit

By MICHAL YUDELMAN and news agencies

Foreign Minister David Levy said yesterday that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu raised new proposals as alternatives to Palestinian demands at their meeting with Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak in Sharm el-Sheikh on Tuesday.

Jerusalem is waiting for Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's answer to these ideas, government sources said. The sources said the US also is waiting to see the results of the summit and Egyptian mediation efforts before sending peace envoy Dennis Ross to the region again.

Mubarak's adviser Osama el-Baz briefed Arafat on the summit in Gaza yesterday. El-Baz may arrive in Jerusalem today or tomorrow to continue his mediation efforts to break the deadlock in peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians.

El-Baz told reporters outside Arafat's office that the summit had no results.

"Until now we have not achieved anything and we cannot achieve an understanding with one step only," he said. "I hope that we will continue these contacts in the next period to explore the possibilities of how to move the peace process forward."

General Security Service head Ami Ayalon estimated yesterday that the Palestinians will continue to maintain a tough stand on Jerusalem. He spoke to the security cabinet, which held its first meeting yesterday on final-status talks with the Palestinians.

Mordechai stressed that final-status talks should be approached extremely slowly "in a gradual and well thought-out way." He said will make sure no IDF officers are involved in the political discussions.

Meanwhile, the prime minister's spokesman Shai Bazak confirmed that Netanyahu and Levy will travel to the United States at the end of June to attend a United Nations conference on the environment.

"As yet there have been no meetings scheduled with President Clinton, but it's very likely there will be discussions to this end," Bazak said.



Labor MKs Avraham Shohat, Dalia Itzik, Nissim Zvili, Haim Ramon and Binyamin Ben-Eliezer speak to reporters in Tel Aviv yesterday. On the table is a sign that reads, 'Bibi, a bad year for Israel.'

## Labor MKs wish gov't happy last birthday

By SARAH HONIG

Labor MKs yesterday marked the Likud government's first birthday by heaping scorn upon it and wishing it a short life.

MK Haim Ramon predicted "the coming year will be the last for [Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu's tenure in his present office." Ramon and MKs Dalia Itzik, Avraham Shohat, Binyamin Ben-Eliezer and party Secretary-General Nissim Zvili all spoke at a press conference in Tel Aviv that aimed to cut the government down. They sought to outdo each other with denunciations and maledictions of the government.

Ramon argued that "Netanyahu has no mandate to govern. He won the elections deceitfully and must therefore go to the nation again immediately and ask for a new mandate ... the Netanyahu government will not live out this year."

"After Labor emerges from its leadership primary on June 3, we will redouble our efforts to bring this government down. We haven't perhaps been a fighting opposition

thus far, but from June 4 on we will show the nation what we are capable of."

Ben-Eliezer also promised that "From this point on Labor will become a fighting opposition in the fullest sense of the words. From now on we will not voice our discontent in press conferences, but will take over the streets, the roads, the junctions and we will be at the prime minister's home and outside his office. He will find no rest."

Ben-Eliezer forecast "an awful bloody infitza, which will break out because of Netanyahu's policies, especially the fact that the peace process has ground to a halt. The birthday celebration for Rabin's assassin outside his prison last week was a fitting symbolic end for Netanyahu's first year in office."

Zvili opened by begging "the public to forgive us in Labor for our mistakes during the recent campaign. It was because of our errors that Netanyahu won and now he is driving the country to ruin. We could not begin to predict a year ago to what depths Netanyahu would bury this country and what

abysmal deterioration he would trigger."

His words were echoed by Itzik, who charged that "Netanyahu has been leading the country from one failing to another. He corrects one mistake by making an even greater one." She went on to accuse the government of "dispatching education into the emergency room. Never has education in this country been in worse shape ... The positive economic direction under Labor has been totally overturned."

The Likud issued an official statement hot on the heels of the Labor press conference, in which it argued that "the amazing performance by Labor's MKs presents to the public a frustrated, irresponsible opposition, which for a whole year had not yet managed to reconcile itself to the election results. The threat of losing power have deprived Labor leaders of a rational outlook."

"Labor leaders must realize that curses and invective are no substitute for serious policies. So far Labor has excelled only in internal bickering, not in mounting a credible opposition."

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## Six Day War recalled Swiss profited from Nazi arms sales

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

On the eve of the Six Day War, the chief military chaplain, Rabbi Shlomo Goren, was ordered to designate burial sites in the Tel Aviv area for an anticipated 10,000 war dead.

The trepidation with which Israel regarded a war that would prove one of the most acclaimed military successes in history was touched on yesterday at a conference sponsored by Tel Aviv University and the Rubin Center for Israel Studies marking the 30th anniversary of that watershed event.

Maj.-Gen. (res.) Yesbayahu Gavish, who commanded the southern front, said defense minister Moshe Dayan had been the first political figure to tell him before the war that he expected the Israeli army to triumph. But Dayan cited an anticipated casualty figure that Gavish declined to repeat.

"He said that the current generation of paratroopers and tank men would be lost," said Gavish.

Maj.-Gen. (res.) Shlomo Gazit, then a senior intelligence officer, said he did not believe the plan to destroy the entire Egyptian air force in three hours was feasible.

"But I thought that even 50 percent would be good too," he said.

On the contrary, Maj.-Gen. (res.) Mordechai Hod, the commander of the air force at the time, said he never doubted the success of the air force plan and that it had destroyed even more enemy aircraft than he had anticipated.

GENEVA (Reuters) - Neutral Switzerland, accused of hoarding the wealth of Jews murdered by Hitler, sold the bulk of its wartime arms exports to Nazi Germany, according to Swiss diplomatic archives published yesterday.

Swiss historian Mauro Cerutti, a researcher who studied the archives, said Germany got nearly two-thirds of Swiss exports of arms and war material. It received arms worth \$422 million in the currency of the time.

"These are official figures. They are very precise," he said.

One new document also showed how former Swiss foreign minister Max Petitpierre complained of Swiss banks' insistence on retaining their secrecy rules. The document named Swiss private and commercial bankers taking part in meetings with officials.

"The documents reveal the attitude of Swiss banks. They refused

an interview by the authorities," Cerutti said.

Cerutti said the documents revealed much about Switzerland's wartime record, but he said they were limited to federal government documents and that questions still remained over the archives in the vaults of Swiss banks.

In a sign of Swiss unease over their wartime links with Germany, another document showed how Swiss industrialists helped pay for a trip to Switzerland by former British prime minister Winston Churchill in 1946. The aim was to buy favor among the Allies, Cerutti said.

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## NIS 250m. spent on settlers' security since 1994

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

The sum of NIS 250 million has been poured into beefing up security in settlements throughout Judea and Samaria over the past three and a half years, said Col. Yitzhak Aviram, head of regional defense in the Central Command, yesterday.

Aviram told reporters that 97 percent of the plans to enhance security in the settlements have been carried out. These include special electronic fences with warning devices, security lighting, bypass roads, special units on call in 80% of the settlements, bullet proofing for school buses, and the purchase of security vehicles.

In addition, internal paging systems have been installed in settlements and 300 soldiers guard settlement entrances.

This summer, Civil Guard units accompanied by a policeman will start operating in Alfei Menashe, Betar Illit, Trummanel, Beit Ariel, and Karmel Shomron. These units, stressed Aviram, will only be allowed to operate within settlements.

One of the most outstanding achievements cited by Aviram is the bulletproofing of 58 regional council buses and 41 Dan and Egged buses that transport chil-

dren to and from schools, at a cost of NIS 400,000 per bus. He added that more funds are required to bulletproof an additional 50 buses.

An option available to settlers is the installation of "panic buoys" in vehicles that send radio signals to one of nine communication centers in settlements throughout Judea, Samaria, Gaza, and the Jordan Valley. A press of the bunyon by a driver needing assistance automatically registers on a computer screen at the center, pinpointing the location of the vehicle and enabling assistance to arrive quickly.

Regarding weapon permit applications, Yitzhak stressed that out of 4,000 requests for permits in the territories, only 170 were rejected, about 10 by the General Security Service.

Liat Collins adds:

The Finance Ministry yesterday asked the Knesset Finance Committee to cut more than NIS 20 million from the budget of the Housing and Construction Ministry, which would be used instead to subsidize development in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza as part of a NIS 36m. development project.

MK Avraham Shohat (Labor) reacted angrily to the request, saying it would particularly affect the lowest socioeconomic stratum.





# Eskin convicted of incitement

News agencies

Avigdor Eskin, who put a curse on prime minister Yitzhak Rabin a month before he was assassinated, was convicted in Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday of violating the Prevention of Terrorism Act. Eskin is to be sentenced on Sunday.

The Justice Ministry said he could receive a maximum sentence of six years.

"The conviction relates to the interview he gave on television about the pulsa dinura [curse] succeeding," court spokesman Moshe Goral said.

In an interview on Channel 1 after the assassination, Eskin said, "On the Eve of Yom Kippur we went to the home of then-prime minister Yitzhak Rabin with a prayer composed by three kabbalists and that prayer was the pulsa dinura, a prayer for this [the assassination], that this man would be removed, along with his evil deeds, from this world."

Eskin said the curse generally



Avigdor Eskin (Ariel Jerozofski)

worked within 30 days, and Rabin was assassinated on November 4, about a month after Yom Kippur. In the prayer, Eskin asked that "And on him, Yitzhak, son of Rosa, known as Rabin, we have permission ... to demand from angels of destruction that they take a sword to this wicked man ... to kill him ... for handing over the Land of Israel to

our enemies."

When the interviewer asked Eskin if his prayer had been accepted, Eskin replied, "Completely. ... I'm not sorry about the death of Rabin."

Judge Bilha Kahane said in giving her verdict that Eskin's statements, given their timing and context, were liable to have inspired acts of violence, or even have caused injury or death.

Eskin also was charged with organizing a ceremony last February to pronounce a pulsa dinura against Labor leader Shimon Peres. Another charge related to an attempt to celebrate assassin Yigal Amir's birthday.

## 6 Iraqi asylum-seekers escape expulsion

By BATSHEVA TSUR

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees is cooperating with the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) to find a country that will accept six Iraqis who sought asylum in Israel three years ago and have been held in jail since then.

The High Court of Justice yesterday ruled the six could not be expelled to another country without the knowledge and agreement of that country, upholding a request included in a petition submitted by ACRI.

However, Justices Aharon Barak, Dalia Dorner and Yitzhak Zamir did not accede to

another ACRI request that the six be freed, saying the Iraqis would have to remain in detention for the sake of state security. At the same time, the justices asked that the government continue its search for a country that would be willing to accept the six.

Advocate Moshe Cohen, who represented the Iraqi citizens on behalf of ACRI, said later that negotiations were underway with "a certain country" that would be willing to accept the six. Cohen expressed satisfaction that the court upheld the request not to expel them to a country which borders Israel and where their lives could have been in danger.

Following the ruling, one of the six men asked the court's permission to make a statement. Speaking in Hebrew, he said: "We have done nothing. We are not dangerous. You do not know what the Iraqi regime is like and what it is like to live in Iraq. We just want to live like human beings and to receive human rights. If we are expelled to Jordan or Lebanon, they will definitely send us back to Iraq and there they will hang us."

The court noted that the government had no intention of expelling the men to a country that did not agree to receive them and that it would inform the petitioners if there was any change.

AT THE KNESSET

## Bill aims to stop AIDS discrimination

By LIAT COLLINS

A bill that would target the discrimination of AIDS victims passed preliminary reading yesterday by a unanimous vote of 17 MKs.

The bill, sponsored by Naomi Blumeothal (Likud), would bar employers from firing workers because they have AIDS; prevent school principals from taking children with AIDS out of classes; require health funds to provide all available treatment to AIDS sufferers; and ban doctors from refusing to treat AIDS patients.

Blumeothal stressed the law would reduce the number of carriers of the HIV virus who are "in hiding" and help prevent the spread of the disease.

Inon Schenkar of the Jerusalem AIDS Project praised the bill as "one which would make Israel one of the most enlightened countries

in its treatment of AIDS victims."

Panel prepares final reading for Prisoners of Zion bill

Noami Blumeothal (Likud), who chairs the Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee, said yesterday the committee will act to prepare for final reading a bill granting compensation to former Prisoners of Zion and their families. She said she hoped the bill could become law in time for the 1998 budget. The bill was brought by Emanuel Zissman (Third Way) in the last Knesset.

Former Prisoner of Zion Ida Nudel told the committee yesterday: "The time has come to grant us the respect we deserve, in more than just words."

1,000 needlessly institutionalized  
Some 1,000 people have been

unnecessarily hospitalized in psychiatric homes for several years, according to MK Yooa Yahav (Labor), who raised the issue as a parliamentary question. Yahav said they included Holocaust survivors, the elderly, and some homeless people.

He said the figure was verified by Deputy Health Minister Shlomo Benizri (Shas) in answer to a question.

Yahav is demanding the ministry publish a schedule for its investigation into who is hospitalized in psychiatric facilities and the release of those whose stay cannot be justified.

Study demanded on school payments

The Knesset Education Committee yesterday demanded representatives of the Education Ministry present the committee

with a detailed schedule of cuts in the amounts parents are asked to pay for school activities.

The committee, chaired by Emanuel Zissman (Third Way), rejected the proposals for parental payments next year, because it did not relate to a previous decision to gradually phase out the payments.

New guide to the Knesset

For the first time, a book containing comprehensive information about the Knesset, MKs, and ministries has been published, based on the format of the guide to the US Congress. "The Guide to the Knesset and Government," published by Policy, a Tel Aviv-based political communications and management company, includes a short profile of individual MKs and ministers, contact phone numbers and addresses.



Maryam Banah sits with a child on the rubble of her partly demolished house in Silwan yesterday. (Brian Hentler)

# Silwan demolition halted by court

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

The demolition of an illegally constructed house in Jerusalem's Silwan neighborhood was temporarily halted by a court order yesterday, but the city says it will continue to knock down illegally built houses wherever in the city they are constructed.

"It shows that we will continue to knock down these illegal houses the moment that we have permission from the court," said Haggai Elias, spokesman for the mayor. "Two days ago we destroyed a house in Ramot."

Elias said the city began tearing down the 180-square-meter house about 8 a.m. yesterday, after receiving the necessary court approval. The owner of the house then brought a temporary halt order from the court that is in effect until noon today.

Yesterday's demolition came two days after it was reported that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu wanted to freeze the demolition of illegal buildings in eastern Jerusalem. Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert told *The Jerusalem Post* that the issue of illegal housing in Jerusalem was not under the prime

minister's jurisdiction. "This is not Netanyahu's authority, it's my authority, and I didn't decide to do it," Olmert said.

Elias said there are hundreds of illegal constructions that are presently the subject of court actions. "The moment we have the approval of the court, we'll go out [and knock them down]," he said. "It could be any day."

He said the city followed standard procedure, allowing tenants 48 hours after the court order to leave the house. In yesterday's episode, Elias said, the owner didn't petition the court until after the 48 hours.

## Carmelit manager arrested

Haifa deputy mayor forced to resign in separate case

By DAVID RUDGE and Tim

The general manager of Haifa's Carmelit underground funicular, Dan Fishman, was remanded for 24 hours yesterday after being arrested the previous night at Ben-Gurion Airport while trying to leave the country.

He afterwards complained of feeling unwell and was admitted to Haifa's Rambam Hospital.

Fishman was suspended by Mayor Amram Mitzna earlier this week, after alleged financial irregularities were discovered by the accountant of the Carmelit company when he conducted a surprise audit.

Carmelit board chairman Avi

Goldharmer has filed a complaint with police alleging that Fishman embezzled some NIS 400,000 from the company, by submitting fictitious bills and then paying the money into his own pocket.

In another case of alleged corruption in Haifa, Deputy Mayor Pinhas Narkis resigned yesterday following a series of complaints filed with the police fraud squad accusing him of defrauding on personal loans and embezzling funds.

Narkis has also been named in several civil suits filed with the Haifa District Court claiming the return of hundreds of thousands of shekels. Among the plaintiffs are Narkis's sister and brother-in-law,

who mortgaged their home to guarantee some of his loans.

Some of those owed money by Narkis recently began demonstrating outside city council meetings, but Mayor Mitzna had reportedly refrained from demanding his resignation until the police investigation was concluded.

Yesterday, however, Narkis handed Mitzna a letter of resignation, protesting his innocence and claiming he was being subjected to a "trial by the press." In his letter Narkis also praised the mayor for "not being swept up" in the "wild mood of judgment" against him and for treating him with respect, something "I will always remember."

# One Year of Netanyahu's Government of Failure

### Let's show Bibi the way home

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## The Peace Process-Obstacles & Expectations

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Geo. (Res.) Ihsan Shurdom, Jordan (former Commander of the Jordanian Air Force)

Prof. Sari Nusseiba, The Palestinian Authority (President of Al-Quds University)

Dr. David Kimchi, Israel (former Director-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

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In January 1997, Egyptians, Israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians assembled in Copenhagen and jointly founded an international movement for peace between Israel and the Arabs. The founders, who comprised some 40 members of parliament, Knesset members, intellectuals, Jewish and Muslim religious leaders, writers, poets and businessmen proclaimed, in the presence of other supporters of peace from all over the world, the Copenhagen Declaration, which says, inter alia: "Peace is too important to be left solely in the hands of governments. Direct ties between the people and peoples of the region are essential to salvaging the peace process in the Middle East."





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Powder keg of corruption

It is no secret that the mood among the Palestinian population these days is in general somber... There has been ample documentation in the Israeli press...

The monopolistic economy which has developed in the PA has made it an anomaly going against international economic trends... The latter half of the twentieth century has provided enough examples...

Most of the Israeli media reporting on this issue have usually connected the Palestinian public's mood to Israeli actions... such as building on Har Homa, expanding settlements...

But the PA has gone the other way - ignoring the laws of economics - and the result has been the impoverishment of the Palestinian economy... A casual observer in Gaza or Ramallah...

It is virtually impossible to find a Palestinian who will fully admit this for the record... But when the television cameras have been turned off, and the tape recorders have been put away...

When the Oslo accord was signed in 1993, the authors of the agreement stressed that one of its main components was that it would bring economic relief to the Palestinian territories... by connecting the Palestinian Authority to a "New Middle East"...

Some of the facts have been revealed by the media and others in a report issued by Palestinian auditor Jarar Kidwa... showing that 37 percent of the PA's budget has been wasted...

Many Palestinians have taken to blaming Israel and other countries for helping Arafat to sustain his regime... British Minister of State Derek Fatchett, on a one day fact-finding mission...



Report card

LARRY DERFNER

Unfortunately for us Israelis, the head of a democratic state doesn't only run the political affairs of his country... he also, more than anyone else, sets the nation's moral tone...

Once he takes office, and everything he says and does carries such authority, he amplifies those characteristics... Today, one year after Benjamin Netanyahu was elected...

The negative ones. He's a hard-eyed individual, and he's helped make us a more hard-eyed people... He speaks to their bellies, their spleens... He's the champion of everybody in this country...

What does he speak to in Israelis? Their hearts? Their hopes? Their better natures? Clearly not... He gets them, alright. He can't give the people anything good - not peace, not hope - but he sure can give hell to the enemy...

Remember what he said right after getting elected? "I intend to be prime minister of all the people." Has anybody ever aggravated...

A year of Netanyahu. A year of cynicism, terminal suspicion, arrogance and worship of power

The divisions in this country so deliberately as he has? In the last days before the election, he played the race card: "Netanyahu - Good for the Jews..."

After a couple days of being prime minister of all the people, Netanyahu made it clear that he had won the election not by 1 percent, but by 11 percent...

Throughout his campaign, and especially in the decisive debate with Peres, Netanyahu aimed his message at people's fear... He is afraid to wait at a bus stop, afraid to go anywhere in this country...

It worked. But now, as prime minister, he doesn't want to tell Israelis that they're afraid, even when they are, so he aims his message at other nerves in the body politic: Resentment, paranoia...

Such a harassed, unfairly-victimised fellow is Netanyahu... Likewise his partners - Avigdor Lieberman, Arye Deri, and if he lasts, Tzahi Hanegbi...

THE prime minister speaks to and for Israelis' self-pity... He's put together a broad popular coalition of grudge-bearers, and he leads it along with some of the most powerful people in this country...

Netanyahu, Lieberman, Deri, Hanegbi - they're a new breed of leadership: The Oppressed Elite... Netanyahu embodies, and thus encourages, some of the worst features in the Israeli character...

The world is a jungle, he tells us - it always has been and always will be. The strong eat the weak... Always expect the worst of people, especially the Arabs...

Remember what Yitzhak Shamir said: "The sea is the same sea, and the Arabs are the same Arabs." Never apologize - what for? - never forgive, and never forget... After a year of this, is there a dot of idealism left in the country?

The writer is a journalist living in Tel Aviv.

Court of corruption

Israeli dignitaries have been queuing up to court Yasser Arafat, myth-maker and manipulator supreme... They come flocking to impress upon him - almost beg - that he should be "reasonable" in the quest for peace.

URI DAN DENNIS EISENBERG

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We are amazed that out of four MKs, not even one thought to tell Arafat that Begin surely would never have promised something so totally alien to his way of thinking...

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HAREDI BASHING

Sir - Your recent five-part series on teshuva, written almost entirely from the perspective of Professor Dan Mahler, a leader of the Association to Fight Haredi Domination, represents some of the poorest-quality and biased journalism I have yet to see in my almost 20 years as a professional journalist...

Sir - I was surprised to see that The Jerusalem Post has fallen to the low level of haredi-bashing. Although this sort is popular amongst other Israeli newspapers, it has always been commendable that the Post refrained from falling to this level...

Sir - Thanks to the activities of the Left, two generations of Israelis know nothing about their roots, their religion, or even the reason for living in this country. That someone is taking the trouble to reverse this trend is to be applauded, not denigrated...

Sir - As new immigrants from England, one thing in Israel that makes us sad is the widening gap between secular and religious Jews and the way the matter seems to be fanned by the press... Reading Dan Izenberg's articles on the teshuva movement was an example of how to promote tension, fear and intolerance...

I feel that your newspaper did a major injustice to the teshuva movement with its negative reporting... Sir - How dare you use the word covert about a hazer bashuva. It is a real insult. Judaism does not look to recruit people. It only looks to help those Jews (read Jews born to a Jewish mother) learn what Judaism is about...

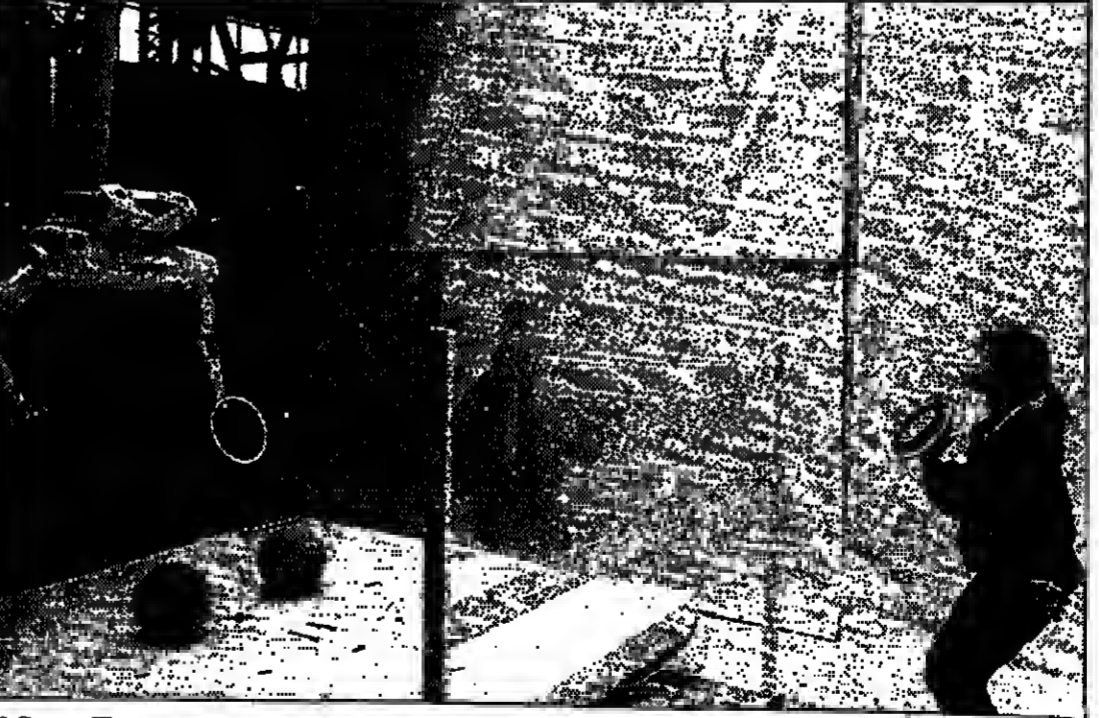
In my own career of 40 years in the American rabbinate, I created special classes and programs for the parents of children who chose to fill the spiritual void in their lives. Conflicts were dealt with in group sessions and private consultations. Every effort was made to keep the family unit intact. Many parents made mid-life changes and joined their children...

Sir - I have always understood that, if a newspaper or any other publication prints a substantial quote from a book (not just a few words or half a sentence), especially if that book is copyrighted, the source must be named... Am I wrong, or were you simply not aware that the entire segment in Postscripts of May 19, "Odd lan-

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PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



If Garry Kasparov was looking for a way to relax between chess games with Big Blue, he might have tried this: robot volleyball. Equipped with two small cameras as eyes, the robot, named "Tomorrow", can process 60 images per second. It can perceive and react to object movement, and recognizes humans by face.

POSTSCRIPT

A WEALTHY dentist and his family have been charged after allegedly employing their own personal shoplifter to steal designer clothes and crystal... Gregory Dick, a prominent 58-year-old dentist in Roseville, Minnesota, his wife, son and daughter were charged with receiving more than \$250,000 in stolen goods over the past few years that included Armani suits,

Polo sweaters and Waterford crystal... Police marched into the family's \$450,000 home after arranging a sting operation with suspected shoplifter Gregory Thomas, 37, who had been caught earlier in a department store... Thomas went to the family's house with \$6,000 worth of merchandise from the store, for which the family paid him \$800

in cash. Dick's wife responded to the arrest by saying: "OK, you caught us red-handed, now what?"... Police said the family gave Thomas detailed lists of what they wanted stolen, including clothing sizes. Thomas pleaded guilty to theft charges. He told police the family had provided him with money for bail after previous arrests.

# Report card

LARRY DERFNER

**U**nder the leadership of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli government has been successful in its efforts to bring about a peaceful resolution to the conflict in the Middle East. The government's policy of "peace through strength" has been widely praised by the international community. Rabin's leadership has been instrumental in the signing of the Oslo Accords, which have led to a significant reduction in violence and the establishment of the Palestinian Authority. The government's commitment to a two-state solution has been a key factor in the success of these negotiations. Rabin's leadership has also been instrumental in the signing of the Wye River Memorandum, which has led to a significant reduction in violence and the establishment of the Palestinian Authority. The government's commitment to a two-state solution has been a key factor in the success of these negotiations.

**A year of Netanyahu. A year of cynicism, terminal suspicion, arrogance and worship of power**



Since the Disney film opened locally, Ron Neshet of Maoz Zion has been inundated with requests to use his dogs for publicity stunts. (Jonathan Bloom)

## 101 dalmations, 101 breeders

**W**HEN the remake of the Disney film *101 Dalmations* opened in the US last December, dalmatians became all the craze. Suddenly, everyone wanted a tiny, squirming hound of black-and-white spotted love, just like the pint-sized heroes featured on the big screen.

The opening of the film in Israel triggered a local version of dalmatian fever of a lower intensity. "There was no hysteria here like what you saw in Europe and the US, where there was heavy advertising and thousands of people trying to buy the dogs," says Arye Cass, treasurer of the Israel Continental Pointer Club, which oversees the sale and registration of the country's best-breed pointer dogs, including dalmatians.

Still, public demand for the dogs is definitely up. "Since the movie came out, it's been dalmatian fever," declares Ron Neshet, who has been breeding dalmatians from his Maoz Zion home for four years.

Although there are about 100 people breeding dalmatians nationwide, there are only four or five "serious" breeders, Cass says, including himself and Neshet. The first time a dalmatian was imported to this country was in 1977. More have been brought in since, at a rate of about one a year.

Neshet and his wife, Aliza, turned to dog-breeding just over four years ago, when they brought back the noble Jasper from Scotland to improve on local stock. All their puppies have been sired by Jasper, whose bloodline stretches back for

**Israelis have been hit by dalmatian fever since the release of the Disney film. Sue Fishkoff did a spot check of breeders.**

generations to venerable Welsh and Scottish ancestors such as Dalmoor Raffles of Crindlicarr and The Lady of Farthiogs. Named Israeli champion two years ago — a lifetime title — Jasper has won four international competitions, and is, Neshet says with pride, undefeated.

Looking remarkably like the brave Pongo of *101 Dalmations* fame, Jasper is a regal, affectionate dog, much in demand for his stud services.

He has his choice of three ladies round the clock in the Neshet household: four-year-old, native-born Jade, and the upstart Danish girls, Katy and Sally.

Together, the canine quartet have brought 60 dalmatian puppies into the world, all of whom now live with their human pets from Eilat to

Katrin. Recently, Jade was moping around the house, sniffing forlornly in search of her last

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puppy, so Neshet's Nesters' litter of 14 puppies was sold to eager owners in April. Unlike the US, where dalmatian fever has pushed the dog's selling price sky-high, prices in this country are regulated by the Pointer Club to a firm \$600 per dog.

"That doesn't mean the 'kitchen breeders' won't charge more, but the club won't recommend them to buyers," says Neshet, referring to breeders who raise dogs without the proper documentation or bloodline.

"We haven't increased our prices because of the movie," says Cass. "We can't be raising prices one year and dropping them the next. We have to worry about next year and next year. We're talking about a long-term investment." In the US, on the other hand, prices soared after the film came out last December, from \$400 a puppy to \$2,000-\$3,000 each.

Neshet says

he has 12 people on the waiting list for his next litter, and demand is heavy for the 14 litters currently available in Israel. "And those are only the registered dogs," Neshet says. "Everyone's trying to jump on the handwagon." Aliza is off to Denmark right now, looking for a suitable female to add to Jasper's harem.

"I don't think she'll find any," Neshet says. "There just aren't any around, since the movie came out." Another local breeder has just brought back a dozen dalmatians from Hungary, he adds, but they can't be registered — they don't have the proper papers.

"Everyone wants dalmations now," Neshet says. "They look at these cute puppies, and they think it'll be a pleasure. Believe me, it's hard work, and the food and vet bills are expensive."

Dalmatians need lots of love, attention and exercise. "It's not a dog that can be locked up in the house all day," he warns.

"Sometimes I get a family with two kids in two bedrooms, and they want to get them. Will they exercise the dog every day? Do they have a big yard?"

On the other hand, he continues, dalmatians are very clean and obedient, and excellent with children. They're good-natured, loyal, and very smart. They can always find a way to unlock a gate or unfasten a door latch, he cautions.

Dalmatians that are raised to show in competition must be free of three common defects: deafness, blue eyes (acceptable in the US, but not Europe or Israel), and black patches at birth.

As movie fans know, dalmatians are born white. Their spots begin to show 10 days later, and full coloring isn't apparent until 12 months. Puppies with black patches make good show dogs, but will never be show dogs.

They've been popular in Israel for no more than the past decade, says Neshet, who immigrated here from New York in 1972.

At the beginning, he says, "everyone wanted the macho dogs, the rottweilers, the Dobermans, the German shepherds." Today, a wider variety of dogs are popular

locally. But still, he says, dalmatians never win "best of show" in international competitions. "They're the flashy dogs — the poodles, the poodles, the poodles," he says.

The Disney film opened a new market for the breed. "I've been lousy at publicity stunts. I've done fashion shows, benefits, and a TV commercial for detergent — something about a soap so powerful, it can wash the spots right off a dalmatian."

But he's tired of handing out the freebies. "Why should I work for free?" he shrugs. Pointing to the regal Jasper, who sits expectantly at his feet, ears cocked and eyes alert for danger, he adds, "And why should he?"

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**When self-helpers get together**

**By Sam Orbaum**

**T**old she had "Elephant Man's disease," 22-year-old Idit came to understand that misery does indeed love company. She yearned to share her fears and feelings with the only kind of person who could truly sympathize: a fellow-sufferer.

High-profile illnesses were represented, such as cancer, AIDS, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's; the less-known (and therefore more vital to its members) included an association for fibromyalgia and another for Charcot-Marie-Tooth, which is not a dental discoloration problem but a grim motor and sensory debility.

Nine years later, her solitude finally ended when she read an appeal in a newspaper from another lonely soul with the same condition.

Rather differently afflicted people scooped files off the desks of Parents of Homosexual Children, and Debtors Anonymous — which should perhaps team up with a neighboring group, my personal favorite, Triplets Plus. (I'm sure it was only coincidence that this booth was placed directly under a sign reading "Israel Institute of

Productivity," one of the building's occupants.) This country has come out of its various closets, judging by the list of 409 self-help groups provided by the national umbrella organization.

Most are related to high-profile medical conditions, or serving such needy types as immigrants and Holocaust survivors. But the gamut runs from, well ... Shifram widows to Tel Aviv hikers; Parents Against Cults to Friends of Converts; lesbian feminists to Orthodox homosexuals; Fathers Against Their Will to Womeo Who Love Too Much; hardidn who've gone secular, to guardians of Jewish traditions; mothers with sons in fighting units, to low-profile army rejects; afflicted neighbors to mortgage victims; immigrants from China to Parents of North American Immigrants; heart-transplant patients to the Society to Live and Die With Dignity (euthanasia); Victims of Vaccinations to the Ringworm Association; and a wonderfully named group that goes by its Hebrew acronym, ANAK ("huge"), Amutat Nenuchei Koma — or the Fellowship of Lined People of Israel.

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On the other hand, self-help was the antithesis of another Jewish concept: pioneering Zionism. The stress there was selfless fealty to national interests; individualism was perhaps the most sociopathicism in a society whose only abundance was in ideologies. Though by now, Zionists may be prime candidates for a self-help group of their own.

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A stroll among the booths at the Jerusalem seminar brought visitors in close contact with the most diverse group of groups you'll ever see. However, Israel's most stunningly successful self-helpers were not represented. That would be the association for the grumbling of disgruntled Russian immigrants, better known as Natan Sharan's Yisrael Ba'aluya party.

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This was society at its most good — with a lot of Angit spoken among the good-doers. This is not surprising for volunteerism and social consciousness are cornerstones of English-speaking societies.

To start such a group, or for information on existing self-help organizations, contact the Israel Self-Help Center, 37 King George St., Tel Aviv, Tel. (03) 629-9389 or (03) 620-0259; in Jerusalem, 23 Hatunim St., Tel. (02) 537-3675, 537-3906.

**Ben-Gurion University of the Negev**

**The 27th Board of Governors Meeting**  
Events taking place on Thursday, May 29, 1997

**The Zlotowski Center for Neurosciences Lecture:**  
"The Study of Epilepsy - A Window onto the Brain"  
by Prof. Michael Gutnick,  
Director of the Zlotowski Center for Neurosciences,  
and Incumbent of the Lawrence and Marie Feldman  
Chair in Neurophysiology  
in the presence of Suzanne Zlotowski, Switzerland

**Dedication Ceremony of the**  
**Sports, Recreation and Communal Centre**  
established through the generosity of an anonymous  
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in the presence of  
**Hyman Krellman, Honorary Chairman**  
of the Board of Governors, and  
**Harold Palsner, Chairman of the**  
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(Jonathan Bloom)





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TASE ROUNDUP: Leumi sale boosts market to record high. Mishtanim 274.63 ▲ 1.38%. Maof 283.20 ▲ 1.55%.

By FELICE MARANZ. Stocks in Tel Aviv soared to their second record in four days after the government's sale of Bank Leumi was seen as a success and as Israel Chemicals Ltd. reported better-than-expected earnings.

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WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP: France poll worry takes toll on Euro bourses. LONDON (Reuters) - Europe's major stock markets all suffered yesterday.

WALL STREET REPORT: Profit-taking clips Dow. NEW YORK (Reuters) - Blue-chip stocks closed lower yesterday as investors took profits and chased to consider the market's next move.

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# NEWS

in brief

### Yafa Deri testimony ends

Esther Werbeder, an American benefactor, left her "more than \$100,000," Yafa Deri said yesterday, completing three weeks of testimony in the fraud trial of her husband, Shas leader Aryeh Deri. She also was questioned yesterday about her husband's trips to London, and about Martin Brown, who hosted him while he was there. Deri's lawyer, Navot Tel-Tsur, said she is his last witness.

The trial will continue Sunday with co-defendant Arye Weinberg on the witness stand.



Yafa Deri (Brian Hestler)

### Witness: I took driving test by proxy

An illiterate Tira resident told Army Radio yesterday morning that he gave someone his identity card and paid him NIS 700 to take the theory part of his driver's exam. Several days later, his ID was returned and he received a notice that he had passed the test. Thousands of Arabs "pass" the test in a similar manner, Army Radio said. Meanwhile, Haifa Licensing Bureau head Daniel Meir, arrested on Tuesday in connection with the driver's license scam, was released on NIS 75,000 bail yesterday, placed under house arrest for 10 days, and barred from leaving the country.

### GIF approves DM 18m. for research grants

Grants for 50 new joint research projects in life sciences, medicine, social science and the humanities have been approved by the German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development. The grants total DM 18 million.

Established by Chancellor Helmut Kohl and then-premier Shimon Peres 11 years ago, GIF has supported over 450 joint research projects by Israeli and German scientists. Among the recipients this year is Nobel Prize laureate Prof. Hartmut Michel of Frankfurt, who cooperates with the Hebrew University in a project on proteins in cell membranes. Projects that will receive grants include work on "mad cow disease," Alzheimer's disease, the link between mental stress and the immune system, cancer drugs, the human genome, and dyslexia and heart disease in children.

### Doctor removes worm from patient's eye

A 25-year-old man who returned from Zaire a few months ago complaining of "itching" in his eye yesterday underwent a rare operation at Meir Hospital, where doctors removed from the organ a four-centimeter-long worm. Dr. Ehud Assia and colleagues at the Kfar Sava hospital's ophthalmology department were surprised to see a worm "wandering around" in the man's eye. The source was a parasite that apparently bit the patient, leaving pieces that remained dormant in his body and then developed into a live worm. Assia said that while African doctors have reported on such cases, it was the first time he had seen a live worm in an eye. "This case points up the importance of preventive treatment in people travelling to Africa and South America," the doctor said.

### Civil Service cracks down on political activity

In advance of the upcoming party primaries, Civil Service Commissioner Shmuel Hollander yesterday ordered ministry directors-general to enforce regulations banning political activity by senior civil servants. Among other regulations, civil servants in the top four grades are barred from being members of party central committees.

### Winning cards

In yesterday's daily Chance drawings, the winning cards were the king of spades, the 7 of hearts, the ace of diamonds and the 7 of clubs, and the 10 of spades, the 9 of hearts, the 7 of diamonds, and the queen of clubs.



### A cry from the heart

Public sector psychologists hold a placard that reads "The bird of the soul is dying" during a demonstration near the Knesset yesterday to demand higher wages and better working conditions. Police detained six of the protesters.

## Coalition pushes to abolish TV license fee

By DAVID HARRIS

Moledet MK Benny Elon's bill to abolish the television license fee was approved yesterday for its first reading by the Knesset Finance committee.

The vote went according to party lines, with the coalition winning 9-7. All coalition members voted with Elon's proposal, while Labor and Meretz voted against. MK Alexander Lubotsky (Third Way) abstained.

The vote was the second in two days on the issue. On Tuesday, the committee approved the bill's introduction to the legislative

process, but MK Avraham Shohat (Labor) and MK Haim Oron (Meretz), two of the main opponents of the proposal, managed to delay the vote for 24 hours on a legal technicality.

With many of the regular committee members absent, and the real possibility that all opposition members would vote the bill down, Likud faction chairman Michael Eitan made a frantic last minute effort to ensure there would be a coalition majority.

Following the vote MK Ophir Pines (Labor) described the plan to remove the license fee as "a

scandal. While Arutz 7 is operating illegally, how can we act like this?"

The feeling among opposition MKs is that this bill is the latest stage in the battle between the government and the Israel Broadcasting Authority. The government, led by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, has consistently maintained that IBA gives favorable coverage to Labor, but is unfair in its repeated criticism of the government.

"We are not against IBA," said MK Yitzhak Cohen (Shas). "We just feel there should be a level playing field."

## Dementia tied to lack of vitamin B12

By JUDY SIEGEL

Forgetfulness and dementia don't have to be signs of Alzheimer's disease - they could result from a deficit in vitamin B12 that harms the neurological system and causes anemia.

According to researchers at Tel Aviv University, one of the factors in this condition is the following of a rigid vegetarian diet, abstaining completely from meat, eggs and milk products.

At a ceremony marking the establishment of the Lester and Sally Antin Fund, a new Tel Aviv University fund for the study of dementia in the elderly not connected with Alzheimer's or senile dementia, Prof. Uri Seligsohn of the hematology department of the Sackler Medical School said the story of vitamin B12 anemia is among the most dramatic in the history of medicine.

It began with Thomas Edison, who in 1855 described an illness in which patients gradually

became pale, confused and weak, and that can even lead to death.

It was later called pernicious anemia. In 1880, Dr. Paul Ehrlich described the characteristic condition of the blood in such patients. In 1926, scientists suggested patients could recover by eating large amounts of liver extracts. Four years later, it was discovered that feeding patients beef with gastric juices cured them.

Among geriatric patients suffering from dementia, 4 percent to 16 percent were found to suffer from the vitamin deficiency. Doctors, said Seligsohn, must be educated to look for this problem in such patients. An ordinary blood test is insufficient for a diagnosis, but new tests and advanced equipment that the new TAU fund is working on will make it possible to carry out mass screening in old age homes throughout the country.

The researchers will also try to locate the gene that causes the type of anemia resulting from a defective receptor for the vitamin.

## YU criticized for award to 'Jewish Press' publisher

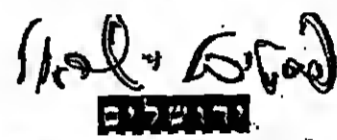
Jerusalem Post Staff

Yeshiva University, which has been struggling to present an image of tolerance, has come under fire for honoring the publisher of the *Jewish Press*, a Brooklyn newspaper whose ideology has been called "extremist" and "polarizing." Rabbi Shalom Klass, the publisher, was to receive a "lifetime achievement in journalism" award last night at the annual dinner of YU's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS).

The university, the preeminent Orthodox institution of higher education in the US, yesterday tried to distance itself from the newspaper, stressing that the award is for an individual, not an endorsement of his paper or its philosophy.

Steve Bayme, director of communal affairs at the American Jewish Committee, said he was "stunned" by the decision to honor Klass.

## What's on at the Festival



Jerusalem Theater  
Sherover - *An Ideal Husband* tonight at 9; tomorrow at 3 p.m.; Saturday at 9 p.m.  
Heory Crown - Jerusalem Symphony - Stravinsky special, 8:30 p.m.; Alte Musik, Program B at 10 a.m.; Netherlands Wied Eosemble (NWE) at 4 p.m., both tomorrow; NWE, Saturday at 9 p.m.  
Rebecca Crown - *Coriolanus* tonight at 8; tomorrow, 11 a.m.  
Foyer - jazz, Amie Lawrence combo tonight; Flutalk, Saturday, 11:45 p.m. Free.  
Plaza - *Electrifying Festival* - opening ceremony, 8 p.m. Free.  
Sultan's Pool - Kirov Ballet,

*Swan Lake* at 8 p.m.  
Israel Museum Tent - jazz, James Carter at 9 p.m.  
Targ, Ein Kerem - Anniversary Program A, Saturday at 11 a.m. A&S.C., Malcha - Alte Musik, Program A.  
YMCA - fortepiano, Bilson/Levin B, Saturday, 11 a.m.  
St. Andrews Church - fortepiano, Bilson/Levin A, tomorrow, 1 p.m.  
Dormition Abbey Melancthon Choir, Saturday, 9 p.m.  
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## Dramatizing the despots

By HELEN KAYE

The leader who doesn't keep his ear to the ground, "who doesn't listen to the heart of the people and doesn't realize that the world is wider than his personal beliefs, is doomed to destruction," says actor/director Steven Berkoff, Britain's leading theatrical iconoclast.

Of course, Berkoff means Coriolanus, the charismatic hero of Shakespeare's play. Berkoff directs and plays the title role in *Coriolanus*, one of the least performed dramas in the Shakespeare canon "and a warning against any extreme 'ism,'" Berkoff added at a press conference yesterday. The play opens at the Jerusalem Theater tonight, one of three English language plays at the Israel Festival.

The story centers around the Roman general, Coriolanus, whose unwavering moral integrity brings him glory, then infamy and death. Berkoff admires the play, "because it can provoke division in an audience, with some admir-

ing Coriolanus almost as a Nietzschean superman" and others damning him for "a brutal despot, arrogant and ruthless."

His hero's Superman image, says Berkoff, caused the American army to ban a proposed production of the play in Germany in 1945, lest it awaken vanquished aspirations.

"Plays reflect the societies they're in. The English are very neurotic, that's why you see a lot of Hamlets, and Chekhov with his spineless, drippy kvetching. But Coriolanus is ruthless, strong, powerful and the British can't get their crumbling teeth around the role," says Berkoff, who visibly delights in savaging the theatrical establishment.

He has set the current production in a 1930s fascist state, a lot like Mussolini's Italy. Berkoff also played Hitler in the TV series of Herman Wouk's *War and Remembrance*.

He feels that "only a Jew can play Hitler, can really get under his skin. Besides, Hitler's spinning in his grave."